

ABSTRACT

5 A method and system for providing real time scratch-off lottery like
games over a wireless network. The method and system allow a user of a
wireless station to play a lottery game electronically with the feel of real-time
scratch and win determination. Substantially concurrently, security, including
win/loss determination is maintained by a betting service provider on a system
10 apart from the wireless station of the user. The system tracks user accounts,
outstanding lottery games, and randomly determines win/loss information. The
user is notified of win or loss (or the value "underneath" the scratch-off block
in near real time. The wireless station transmits minimal amounts of data,
typically a lottery ticket identifier and description of the users actions to the
betting service provider and receives a value to display from the betting service
provider.